

What They're Saying about the U.S.- Morocco Free Trade Agreement

"The US - Morocco FTA Coalition is very pleased with the timely conclusion of the FTA negotiations between our two countries. We strongly believe this important and historic agreement will strengthen and expand our bilateral economic and trade relationship."

--US - Morocco FTA Coalition

"The recently concluded US - Morocco Free Trade Agreement is an important milestone and will help strengthen the economies of both nations...[w]e're looking forward to the implementation...because it will make existing investments such as ours more sustainable and cost efficient."

--CMS Energy

"A strong US - Morocco Free Trade Agreement...would enhance the protection of creative works and create new market opportunities for both the US and Morocco."

--Entertainment Industry Coalition for Free Trade (EIC)

"The US - Morocco free trade agreement is important as we continue toward a truly level playing field for all the world's economies."

--The Boeing Company

"Ambassador Zoellick and his negotiators deserve the highest praise for achieving high standards of copyright protection. High standards of copyright protection are important for the development of Morocco's creative industries, and will set important precedents that we hope will lead to adoption of similar standards in North Africa and the Arab world."

--International Intellectual Property Alliance (IIPA)

"This agreement is another indication that Bob Zoellick and his team place a high priority on improving the protection of the intellectual property rights of composers, performers and record labels around the world. Time and again, the free trade agreements negotiated by our trade representative, including this one with Morocco, have included important provisions that strengthen the rights of creators. Along with this agreement, they have compiled an impressive track record of free trade agreements that promote our economic competitiveness and protect the works of the intellectual property industries."

-- Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA)

"This FTA completes another U.S.T.R. building block in the Middle East Free Trade Agreement (MEFTA). The FTA establishes strong legal standards for protecting intellectual property, which encourages the search for new therapies and cures for patients...[and] sets an excellent precedent for the rest of the Mahgreb and for the Middle East region."

--PhRMA

Congressional Morocco Caucus Co-Chairs U.S. Reps. Phil English (R-PA), Lincoln Diaz-Balart (R-FL), John Tanner (D-TN), and Chris John (D-LA) today applauded the successful conclusion of negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the U.S. and Morocco.

"Today, the United States and the Kingdom of Morocco have agreed to open their doors and their markets to each other and build on the solid relationship we have enjoyed for centuries...Morocco is a natural market for many American manufacturers and a FTA has the potential to bring both countries closer together for mutual benefit."

--Congressional Morocco Caucus Co-Chair U.S. Rep. Phil English (R-PA)

"Today, the unique, two century old, relationship between the U.S. and Morocco deepens with the completion of negotiations on the U.S-Morocco Free Trade Agreement...[t]he U.S.-Morocco FTA will strengthen the economic and strategic partnership between United States and the Kingdom of Morocco while simultaneously enhancing the historic alliance between the United States and Morocco for centuries to come."

--Congressional Morocco Caucus Co-Chair U.S. Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart (R-FL)

"This agreement with Morocco is an example of how the United States can strengthen a traditional friend and ally in a way that benefits both our countries...[i]t is my hope that this agreement will create economic opportunities for Americans as well as bolster economic reforms in Morocco."

--Congressional Morocco Caucus Co-Chair U.S. Rep. John Tanner (D-TN)

"This agreement will take U.S. - Moroccan relations to the next level, from longstanding political ally to an economic partner in the global economy...[t]he completion of this agreement opens new doors for an expansion of U.S. economic interests in North Africa and the Middle East."

--Congressional Morocco Caucus Co-Chair U.S. Rep. Chris John (D-LA)

"U.S. Trade Representative Zoellick and Moroccan Minister-Delegate Fassi Fihri today announced the conclusion of a Free Trade Agreement between our two countries. Both deserve credit for expanding the ties between our economies...[a]s a long-time ally of the U.S. and a current ally in the war on terrorism, Morocco has been a voice for moderation and democratic plurality in the Muslim world. The Free Trade Agreement announced today will strengthen our alliance, while benefiting both economies."

--House Committee on Financial Services, Michael G. Oxley, Chairman

"Today, the United States successfully concluded a free trade agreement with Morocco, and I congratulate our trade negotiators. Morocco is an important ally in a region that needs our support. We must continue to do more to improve our economic relationship with the Middle East."

--U.S. Senate Finance Committee, Senator Max Baucus, Ranking Member